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DIRECTORS' MEETING  
ADDENDUM  
Monday, August 27, 2018**

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August 17, 2018

Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, #111  
Lincoln, NE 68502

RE: Keno Funds and impact on Parks and Rec

Dear City Council;

We respectively serve as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and as the Chair of the Fees and Facilities Committee of the Board. We have both been involved in the most recent update of the Parks and Recreation 10-Year Facilities Plan that was adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in December, 2017. Currently, the need to address repair and replacement of existing parks and recreation facilities is about \$3.4 million annually.

We recognize the challenge of funding the parks and recreation repair and replacement funding program within the many competing needs of City budget funds. The purpose of our letter is to express significant concern regarding the proposal to cap the amount of Keno Funds available to address parks and recreation facility repair and replacement needs at the current level. Keno funds currently comprise about half of the funding for the parks and recreation repair and replacement program. Capping Keno funds at the current level ignores the fact that, due to inflation, costs will increase over time which will cause the unfunded gap in the repair and replacement program to continue to grow.

We appreciate the efforts of the City Council to address the important capital repair and replacement needs of our parks and recreation facilities with the proposed budget for the upcoming two years. We strongly urge the City Council not to cap Keno funds available to parks and recreation.

Sincerely,



Brad Brandt  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair



Justin P. Carlson  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Fees and Facilities Committee Chair

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Susan Steider <mr.rogersfan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 8:48 PM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** 13th street bike lanes

To the leaders of Lincoln

Please take advantage of the grant money available and make 13th street safer. As a lifelong Lincoln resident and a bicyclist, it will only improve our city. I hope that you will disregard the actions of LIBA and their ilk, as their actions do nothing to enhance our city but seem solely focused on benefiting themselves.

Sincerely, Susan Steider

Sent from my iPhone

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Alan Hersch <ahersch@live.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 7:02 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support term limits

City Council,

We are in favor of term limits for Lincoln Mayor. Unlike the Council and other groups of elected officials, the Mayor is one person with her/his staff in place. Twelve years is more than enough for one person to accomplish things and move on. We appreciate your support to limit the term in office. This is not a reflection of Chris Beutler's term in office, but a healthy move for our City.

Donna & Alan Hersch



**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jillian Carter <jilliancarter00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 7:10 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Fwd: 13th Street Improvement

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I'm writing you today to express my support for the 13th Street Safety Improvement Projection and opposition to the resolution to prevent it. After reading the research, it seems clear to me that this project will improve the safety of everyone who uses 13th Street between Lincoln Mall and South Street, my family included. I hope you agree and will not ignore the data that is clear on the subject.

Sincerely,  
Jillian Carter

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** petersoncyns@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Angela M. Birkett  
**Subject:** RE: Term limits for the office of Mayor

**Importance:** High

Cynthia:

Thank you for your email regarding the initiative to place a charter amendment on the November 2018 ballot to limit Lincoln mayors to three terms.

The responsibility of the City Council will be ministerial in this matter. If and when the Lancaster County Election Commissioner certifies sufficient signatures were received on the petition, then the City Council is required to vote to put the matter on the November ballot. Regardless of individual Council Members' opinions, our legal duty is strictly to vote to put the matter on the ballot. Outside the halls of City government, individuals can express their opinions, but NOT in Council chambers. That would amount to political campaigning which violates the law.

I am hopeful that City resources are not consumed in this matter. Even Mayor Beutler raised the question in his news conference yesterday that he had questioned whether he was misusing his office and stepping into forbidden campaigning. By law, City officials and staff cannot participate in political matters in their official duties nor use City resources for campaigning.

You made several good observations in your email. I agree that the State of Nebraska made a mistake in limiting terms for our State Legislators. A tremendous amount of historical knowledge was lost.

Again, I thank you for your email.

Best regards,

Jon

**JON A. CAMP**  
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**200 Haymarket Square**  
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Email: [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com](mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)

**From:** Cynthia Peterson [<mailto:petersoncyns@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 5:48 PM

**To:** Jon Camp <[jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov)>

**Subject:** Term limits for the office of Mayor

Councilman Camp,

I am NOT in favor of term limits for the office of Mayor, nor any elected office for that matter. If placing such an initiative on the ballot comes up for vote at a city council meeting, I ask you to vote no. We have term limits. It just means that people have to get up off their asses and go vote or fill in their ballot and mail it back in time. If we're going to do it for the position of major, then should have it as well for the city council members, too. Don't you have five terms on the books?

Just as term limits at the State Legislature was basically about Ernie Chambers, this is just something about Chris Beutler. It's petty and we're better than that.

/Cynthia Peterson  
2115 Heritage Pines CT  
Lincoln, NE 68506

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** huber <huber@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 10:08 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Huber Charles  
**Subject:** 13 Street Improvement project vote YES

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the 13th Street Improvement Project. It would greatly enhance the safety of all traffic in that area while not impeding traffic.

“The portion of South 13th Street that is already three lanes carries 40 percent more traffic but has a 65 percent lower crash rate” according to the City of Lincoln Public Works and Projects website.

I believe the added layer of safety is the driving force behind this project and it should be completed with that in mind. The bicycle lane is an added benefit—promoting other forms of transportation beside automobiles is always in the best interest of Lincoln.

Please vote **FOR** the 13th Street Improvement Project!

Thank you for considering my opinion. As a long time resident and former small business owner in Lincoln, I truly care about the citizens and the future of our beautiful city.

Vicki L. Treat DDS  
5610 Pheasant Run Lane  
Lincoln, Ne. 68516  
402-421-1905

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jim Frohman <jimfrohman@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 9:57 AM  
**To:** Jeff R. Kirkpatrick  
**Cc:** ncusick@bisoninc.com; dstading@keatinglaw.com; Mayor; Roy A. Christensen; Jane Raybould; Jon Camp; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Cyndi Lamm; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** Re: Charter Revision Commission Changes

I believe that the decision to not present the approved charter revisions to the Mayor and Council for their consideration was made inappropriately.

The Charter Revision Commission is charged "to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council" not to decide if or when their recommendations should appear before the Council or ultimately on a ballot. The Commission could possibly discuss the issue but the municipal code requires that they be done in a public meeting and no public meeting was held. Further while the Commission could discuss whether their recommendation should be on the Council agenda the only thing the Commission has the authority to do is pass that recommendation along with the recommended changes to the Mayor and Council. The Commission has no authority to decide when their recommendations will be considered.

The Mayor and Council should have been presented with the Charter Revision Commission recommendations. They have the appropriate authority to decide when the recommendations should appear on the Council agenda. They also have the authority to decide which election ballot, if any, that the recommendations will appear on; November, April or May.

While I do understand the concerns raised and sort of agree with them this process was mishandled.

## Chapter 4.04 CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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### 4.04.020 Duties; Public Meetings.

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The Charter Revision Commission is charged with the duty and responsibility to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council with regard to revisions to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Lincoln which it shall deem advisable. The Commission shall conduct at least one public meeting annually for the purpose of receiving recommendations from the public regarding revisions to the Charter and to take action upon any matters before the commission relating to proposed Charter revisions.

Jim Frohman

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**From:** Jeff R. Kirkpatrick  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** Jim Frohman

**Cc:** ncusick@bisoninc.com; dstading@keatinglaw.com

**Subject:** RE: Charter Revision Commission Changes

Jim,

With the recent charter petition drive regarding a mayoral term limits, the Commission made the decision to go to the Council with its recommendations for the spring election. The recent petition drew attention to a number of questions in the city's charter petition process. I am anticipating that the Commission will be meeting this fall to discuss whether to address those questions.

Jeff Kirkpatrick

City Attorney

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**From:** Jim Frohman

**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 8:05 AM

**To:** Jeff R. Kirkpatrick

**Cc:** ncusick@bisoninc.com; dstading@keatinglaw.com

**Subject:** Charter Revision Commission Changes

It appears that a decision was made to not present the Charter changes to the Mayor and Council.

Is this accurate?

Who made the decision?

What was the reason for the decision?

Is a meeting of the Commission still planned for sometime in January?

Jim Frohman

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Lincoln, NE 68506

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**From:** Diane Steinke <dianesteinke@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** SUPPOPRT 13th Street improvements

Dear Council and Mayor,

I wholeheartedly support the proposed improvements for 13th Street and oppose any resolution to stop or delay said project.

I live on 27th Street and am very familiar with the 2+1 construction as I travel this road daily. Having the turn lane allows for cars to safely wait until there is 1 lane of oncoming traffic with a gap. Conversely, north of South Street where 27th switches to 4 lanes, there are frequent bottlenecks as cars block an entire lane of traffic as they attempt to turn left across 2 oncoming lanes. Data from the Federal Highway Administration supports these observations and indicates that crashes can be reduced by 29% when changing to a 2+1 construction.

Additionally, as a family of 4 who commute by bike when possible, we appreciate that this plan takes bike traffic into account and grants additional road surface to bike traffic. Bike commuting is not only an environmentally friendly and sustainable mode of transportation that is becoming increasingly popular, but it is a necessity for many people in our community. From the startup employee who commutes by bike to his coworking space in the Haymarket to a college student taking classes at UNL to elementary and middle school students who can't drive and frequently bike to the library, our family represents over 100 person-years of biking in Lincoln and we appreciate the focus on added safety and access to bike lanes.

Thank you,

Diane Steinke  
3500 S. 27th Street  
Lincoln NE 68502  
402.802.7650  
dianesteinke@yahoo.com

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Katherine Haake <kathyhaake@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** 13th Street Safety Improvements

Hello,

I wanted to contact you to voice my support of the 13th Street safety improvement. This is a common sense improvement for our community, and it should move forward. I hope you will do what is right to support the safety of your constituents.

Thank you,

Kathy Haake  
6201 NW 5th St  
Lincoln, NE 68521

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 12:19 PM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/24/2018 12:18:48 PM

**name** Rebecca Barnes  
**address** 330 N Coddington Ave  
**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68528  
**email** bbcooks@gmail.com  
**comments** Dear City Council Members

As a voting citizen of this state since I was 18 years old I want to voice my opposition to term limits for the office of Mayor of the city of Lincoln, or any other public office for that matter. There are term limits in place already, it's called voting. If the citizens of Lincoln want a different mayor then they are more welcome, and encouraged, to vote for the mayoral candidate of their choice.

Let me be clear, I don't support term limits for any public office. If the petition to put the term limits issue on the ballot is deemed legitimate by the County Election Office then I guess we'll vote on the issue in November.

Please don't let a few disgruntled citizens limit our choices at the voting poll.

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Sarah Knight <sknight105@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for 13th St road diet

Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Lincoln who regularly rides a bicycle for transportation in the neighborhood surrounding the proposed 13th Street road diet. I am writing to express my support for the proposed road diet.

I have ridden 13th Street by bike. I am one of the few “fearless” cyclists who will ride just about anywhere, but I know it’s an experience that those individuals who would like to ride but are concerned about safety would not appreciate. Drivers regularly speed, and several buzzed me with close passes, trying to pass me without changing lanes. There was no reason for this, as I have rarely seen more than a few cars on 13th at one time.

I would support this project even if bike lanes were not involved, simply for the road diet - 13th Street is a neighborhood, not a high-speed commuter thoroughfare, and it should be made safer for the people who live there.

Please consider the safety of people who walk and ride in our neighborhoods adjacent to downtown, and support the 13th St road diet.

Thank you,

Sarah Knight  
sknight105@gmail.com  
2901 A St #101  
Lincoln, NE 68510

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Jenny Briseno <jennyvbriseno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 12:47 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** South 13th Street Improvement project

To Whom it May Concern:

I fully support the South 13th Street Improvement project. As a bicyclist, walker, and driver, I want to feel safe in all of my methods of transportation. I believe the changes to 13th Street would make it significantly safer for all means of transportation for everyone who may ever use 13th Street. Please vote for the improvements and modifications of South 13th Street.

Jenny Briseno  
Lincoln, Nebraska

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** trixie@qpacehardware.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** South 13th St Project

Good afternoon,

I am writing today in support of this safety project and against any measures preventing it. The sheer number of accidents that could be avoided by making these changes ought to really be the driving force behind its acceptance and implementation. The ability to achieve those results, while not impacting traffic flow is a great BONUS! The number of young people in this area with schools and a community center make it imperative that it becomes a safe corridor for everyone who uses it, whether by foot, bike or automobile.

I currently work on 27th St, just north of the Parkway, and I cannot tell you the actual fear that I feel every time I have to turn across traffic in either direction (south of Randolph). The speed that cars travel at, the way they rapidly change lanes to avoid slowing down, the difficulty seeing behind larger vehicles - it's a genuinely scary activity. Not to mention the number of accidents that we have witnessed over the years, including some that have come all the way up into our parking lot. While I know we're not discussing 27th St, the situation is very similar on 13th St and is an opportunity to fix at least one area that has similar difficulties to the one I'm so familiar with. Perhaps it can stand as an example of how to improve other problem/high-collision areas as well!

I hope you will thoughtfully consider the benefits that can come from these safety improvements and focus on doing the good work you're tasked with, to keep our community whole and healthy! I thank you for your time and consideration, and look forward to the improvements in the neighborhood!

Your citizen,  
Kristine (Trixie) Koch

Trixie Koch  
Buyer - QP Ace Hardware

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** rtrouba <rtrouba@iaff644.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 1:47 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: dates for the next meeting

Council members,

As I indicated in my testimony at the July 30th Council meeting, I believe that you all brought up very good points and asked important questions about the "leftover" funds from the 1/4 cent sales tax for the public safety projects. I felt like the Council gave a clear direction that you would delay any action for nearly a month to allow Director Casady to reconvene the User Design Committee and discuss items that could be incorporated into the fire stations, as there is clearly funding available.

I am concerned that the Council's direction fell on deaf ears. As you can see by the content and time stamps of the emails below, Assistant Chief Pat Borer, working under the direction of Director Casady, waited 8 days after the Council meeting to notify the committee of another meeting. His email further suggests that the committee could meet the week of the 20th or even the week of the 27th! Obviously, meeting the week of the 27th would mean that the Council would have already taken action on the item and there would be nothing to discuss. This portrays a clear lack of cooperation and no sincere intent to meet the direction of the Council.

You will see that I urged for the meeting to occur sooner and acknowledged there may be delays. It was not likely that the committee would meet one time and be able to resolve every issue. The meeting was ultimately scheduled for the 21st, and for a period of only 45 minutes. At the time of the meeting, it is my personal opinion that Director Casady and Assistant Chief Borer were irritated with having to participate in such meeting, had little desire to be cooperative and made clear that they would be the ones to decide which items were important, more functional for fire fighters and should be incorporated in the new stations.

During the meeting, the committee members asked several questions and identified several items that would require a cost estimate or other feedback from the contractor or the architect. Director Casady and Assistant Chief Borer indicated to the committee that they would not have information back before the August 27th City Council meeting. I then asked if they would be going to the Council meeting to ask for a delay until these items could be resolved. Director Casady said "No, I'm going to try to get them to vote on it". With that, I would again ask that the Council delay a vote on how to use "leftover" tax dollars that were collected for specific public safety projects, until we are assured that those already approved projects have not faced any cuts for the purpose of trying to save money for a different purpose that was not approved by the voters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Trouba, President  
Lincoln Firefighters Association  
IAFF Local 644  
241 Victory Lane  
Lincoln, NE 68528  
402-440-5525 Cell/Voice mail  
402-475-6442 Fax

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ronald Trouba Jr  
**To:** "rtrouba@iaff644.org"  
**Date:** Fri, 24 Aug 2018 17:53:35 +0000  
**Subject:** Fw: dates for the next meeting

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**From:** Ronald Trouba Jr  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:09 PM  
**To:** Patrick V. Borer; Fire User Design  
**Cc:** Micheal D. Despain  
**Subject:** RE: dates for the next meeting  
Chief Borer,

When I testified at the City Council meeting on the >\$1.5 million left over for the fire station/radio projects, the council members advised Tom Casady to reconvene the committee and they delayed their action until August 27th. I believe we should make every attempt to address cost-related items prior to the 27th and the earlier that we meet, the more time that allows for unexpected delays.

Mike Wright, Andrew Rhynalds and I will all be unavailable in the morning on the 21st. I suggest meeting that afternoon.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

Ron Truba

Captain - Truck 7 B-shift

Lincoln Fire and Rescue

402-441-8377 Work

402-440-5525 Cell

----- Original message -----

From: "Patrick V. Borer"

Date: 08/07/2018 7:34 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: Fire User Design

Cc: "Micheal D. Despain"

Subject: dates for the next meeting

LFR Design Team,

I'd like to schedule a meeting of the team the week of Aug. 20. Please provide your availability. If the next week works better, we can go that week as well.

Thanks

Pat

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 2:40 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp; Roy A. Christensen  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/24/2018 2:39:45 PM

**name** Bill Swearingen  
**address** 1211 Garfield St  
**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68502  
**email** airswear@gmail.com

**comments** Jon & Roy, I've lived in the Everett and/or Near South Neighborhoods for 40+ years & I am a lifelong bicyclist. But I am GREATLY OPPOSED to the 13th St Bike Corridor Project. With many designated Bicycle Routes already in these neighborhoods, this project is completely unnecessary and inefficient. I moved into this part of town for it's close proximity to downtown. For over 25 yrs I have held Lifetime Memberships in both the nation's oldest and largest bicycling non-profit organizations. I am also a former resident of Portland OR, thought by many to be a bicycle utopia. I have made mountain bike maps for the US Forest Service. I have bicycle credibility. PLEASE allow me to offer testimony AGAINST the proposed project in your upcoming hearing on Aug 27. I look forward to hearing from you or your staff. Thanks, Bill P Swearingen

IP: 76.84.54.133

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Roger Bruhn <rbruhn@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 8:45 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** 13th St project

I believe all interests would be better served if you were to further develop a bike lane on 11th Street and eliminate the proposed one on 13th. It would be far safer for cyclists and more convenient for cars. Cell phone use, among other things, by motorists has greatly increased the danger to cyclists that have to share the streets with cars.

Roger Bruhn  
1827 B St

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Bob Reeves <bobreeves63@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 5:46 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** PACE proposal

As a supporter of clean energy, I want to urge the City Council to pass the PACE ordinance that is up for consideration on Aug. 27. It will provide a way to encourage property owners to make energy and water efficiency improvements without a cost to taxpayers. It looks like a win-win proposal for everyone concerned.

Bob Reeves  
3236 Dudley St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503  
402-464-1803

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Katie Graf <kdimong@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 6:48 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th St Project

Dear Council Members,

I am writing in support of the improvement project for 13th St. The safety plans for the project make sense and are needed on this heavily used street. The 2+1 concept for the street is a proven safety solution with the potential to prevent accidents and injuries. I hope you will support these improvements. Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Graf

Lincoln, NE resident and voter

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Steve Colonna <stevecolonna1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support the 13th Street Improvements

Dear Council Members:

My family supports the proposed improvements to 13th Street. We have lived in the Near South for nearly 20 years and this plan would be a huge improvement. My wife and I both work at UNL and we bike to work every day, even though it is sometimes treacherous. We also walk our 7 year old son to school during the year and it is frustrating how difficult it is to cross the street in the morning. The proposed changes to 13th Street would make it easier for us to venture downtown to support local businesses, as well. This is an important step to improve the safety and well-being of Lincoln's citizens. Please vote against the resolution to block the improvements on 8/27. Thank you

Sincerely,  
Steve Colonna

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** John R. Green Jr. <jgreen@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street improvements

I am a resident of Lincoln, NE and I support the 13th Street improvements. I encourage you to vote against the resolution to block it at Monday's City Council meeting. The City has an obligation to keep all users of our streets safe.

John R. Green Jr.



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**From:** Catherine Wilken <nuts4gwtw@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th St. Safety Improvements

As a long-time resident of Lincoln and a homeowner in the Near South Neighborhood, I enthusiastically support the plans to renovate S. 13<sup>th</sup> St., making it 3, rather than 4, lane street. The beautiful Near South area is the most densely populated neighborhood in Lincoln. This improvement will decrease accidents and increase neighborhood awareness as well as making it safer for pedestrians and bikers alike. It's just good old common sense. Anyone in opposition is not seeing the clear picture. If these changes have been proven positive, why argue with the facts? Let's continue to make good, common sense improvements to our city, specifically, and most importantly, to our inner city traffic, bike and pedestrian by-ways. Lincoln continues to be in the Top Ten of most city surveys for a variety of reasons. Let's keep this trend going by looking forward, changing what needs to change in a positive, common sense manner. Many thanks!

Cathy Wilken, Near South Neighborhood Association, Admin. V.P./Chair, Parks  
1942 A St.  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
402-730-5058  
[nuts4gwtw@neb.rr.com](mailto:nuts4gwtw@neb.rr.com)

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Dawn Bringelson <drbringel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 10:34 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street project

Dear City Council members,

I'm writing to express my support for the 13th Street conversion project. Converting four lanes to three (including a turning lane) is a great idea and will help make it less dangerous for pedestrians crossing 13th. Both of my children attended McPhee Elementary, and crossed 13th often on class outings and on their way to F street after school.

I live in the near south neighborhood and work downtown, traveling 13th regularly. I'm confident the proposed changes would make that street safer for driving as well as crossing.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Dawn Bringelson

Sent from my iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Adriana Martinez <apmartinez21@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 25, 2018 4:41 PM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** 13th Street Improvements - Please Read

Good morning,

I'm writing to urge you to support the safety improvements on 13th street and oppose the resolution to prevent them.

There is plenty of data to support that the proposed improvements will reduce crashes and not impede traffic flow.

13th Street between South and Van Dorn is already a "2 + 1" three-lane. It carries 40% more traffic - AND it has a 65% lower crash rate.

Traffic engineering studies show that, over 5 years, 54 real crashes would have been eliminated on the section of 13th Street now in question, had it been a "2 + 1" three lane.

As it is, drivers who want to turn must stop in the travel lanes. That causes swerving and collisions. I use that road all the time. I'm only able to see the vehicle directly in front of me. What happens is the driver in front of me swerves to avoid the car in front of him/her/they that is stopped to turn - and I have to swerve suddenly to avoid hitting both. It's a mess.

In addition to clear improvement to safety, I also love that the proposal includes plans for bike lanes and better crosswalks. Those things make our city more attractive to families looking to move to Lincoln.

Please make this conversion. Traffic will move more efficiently and more safely. There are three elementary schools nearby. Opposition to this change makes no sense - and will keep a dangerous situation in place.

I really don't like the propaganda about how "the city doesn't want you to drive your car downtown." This is completely false and ridiculously inflammatory. Downtown Lincoln has made great strides in the past 25 years - and this misleading material is a hit. I don't appreciate it and believe that Lincoln should continue making these tremendous strides forward.

Sincerely,

Adriana Martinez

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Deb Eisloeffel <deb.eisloeffel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 7:03 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Please support the South 13th Street Safety Improvement Project

Dear City Council members,

I am writing to support the 13th street safety project and express my opposition to the resolution to stop it. I hope you will join me.

Converting this section of 13th Street from a four-lane undivided street to a three-lane street with a center turn lane will improve safety and traffic flow. This is a widely recommended practice by numerous agencies across the U.S.: Three-lane streets have resulted in improved safety (crash reductions) and improved operations.

In the last five years, there have been 167 crashes on the stretch of 13th street. Traffic engineering studies show that changing to three lanes would have eliminated 54 accidents over the last five years with no loss of traffic flow. That's 54 families not crashed into; 54 families not risking injury to loved ones.

This project also improves crosswalks and adds bike lanes in both directions to increase safety for all users. With three elementary schools very near this area, the resolution to deny these important safety improvements keeps our children at risk.

Please allow the 13<sup>th</sup> street safety project to go forward – keep our children and families safe!

Deb Eisloeffel

As you start to walk, the way appears. – Rumi

**Deb Eisloeffel**  
1117 N 37th St  
Lincoln, NE 68503  
402-730-0317  
[deb.eisloeffel@gmail.com](mailto:deb.eisloeffel@gmail.com)

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Joseph Sweeney <noavjoe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:20 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street

We as a community need to move ahead with the 13<sup>th</sup> Street project. It's proven to be effective for 27<sup>th</sup> Street which carries more traffic. Like I or not, Lincoln is becoming more of a biking community and we need more north-south bike lanes to handle the increased cycling traffic in Lincoln.

Vote Yes for changing 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

Joe Sweeney  
Avid Cyclists  
402-430-8548

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 9:07 AM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/26/2018 9:06:55 AM

**name** Jay Snyder  
**address** 8140 Stockwell St  
**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68506-4767  
**email** jaysnyder1@neb.rr.com  
**comments** Regarding: South 13th Street Improvement Project

I am writing to share my non-support of this project. It is an absolute waist of money. We've spent way too much on bike lanes already, that no one uses. Don't let our Autocratic mayor bully you into his way or the highway. Spend this on street repair.

Also I am opposed to spending left over 1/4 cent funds for the levy for fire stations. I didn't vote for that to buy trucks. Use the dollars for which we the voters approved.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Also, I would hope we don't see another 13% increase in budget spending next year.

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**From:** Peggy Lange <peggyjlange@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 11:59 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** South 13th Street Safety Improvement Project

I am writing in support of the South 13th Street Safety Improvement Project.

If you convert 13th Street between Lincoln Mall and South Street from a four-lane undivided street to a three-lane street with a center turn lane (2+1) it will improve safety and traffic flow. This has worked well for 13th Street between South and Van Dorn, which is a stretch of road which holds more traffic and has fewer crashes than the stretch between Lincoln Mall and South Street.

Traffic engineering studies show that conversion to three lanes would have eliminated 54 accidents over the last five years with no loss of traffic flow. That's 54 families not dealing with injuries or crashes.

Furthermore, this project also improves crosswalks and adds bike lanes in both directions to improve safety for all users. As there are three elementary schools very near this stretch of 13th Street, those safety features are especially important.

Denying these important safety improvements is illogical and maintains a dangerous situation for cars, bikes, and pedestrians.

Please vote no to the resolution to deny the safety improvements.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Peggy Lange

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**From:** Joan and Ed <jetelt@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 3:25 PM  
**To:** Building & Safety; Jon Camp; timothyk@hausmanncostruction.com  
**Cc:** Ricky Valenta  
**Subject:** excessive water runoff

The Mar-Mara Lo Hgts had their annual meeting on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>. We found out that the run off for the construction of the new fire house plans to put in two drainage pipes that will run the the south of the building. This will add additional run off to the already over taxed water culverts. We live at the bottom of the Mandarin ditch system. The rain we received last week brought the water level over the culvert in our driveway. We are concerned that the additional water that you plan to direct down Mandarin will cause flooding and damage to our property. The water attracts children in the neighborhood and this also is a concern for their safety. We will not remove the debris for a couple days if you would like to assess the water level attained from the 4 inch rain we had.

Respectfully,  
Ed and Joan Taylor

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Bill Thomas <bt64311@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 1:31 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13

By citing South 27th St, Roy Christensen shows the safety for 13th St. pedestrians can be improved if the 4 lane to 3 lane conversion is made and still allow for near doubling of the vehicle traffic count.

Bill Thomas  
bt64311@windstream.net

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Joe Gourlay <jomago1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 1:44 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street Upgrades

Respected Council Members,

Please accept my comments supporting the improvements to South 13th Street. Safer streets for all traffic -- pedestrian, cyclist, and car -- are welcome, especially in the high-density Near South and Everett neighborhoods. I encourage the Council as well as city leaders to thoughtfully plan and consider how Star Tran bus traffic will handle the changes. My main concern with this project is that stop-and-go bus traffic will be not just inconvenient, but will unsafely block bike and/or traffic lanes on 13th as passengers are dropped off or picked up. Adjusting the Star Tran bus routes that currently use 13th St. may be wise. Thank you for supporting the 13th St. upgrades.

Joe Gourlay  
901 D St.  
Lincoln, NE 68502

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jan Brockmann <jamabrock@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 2:36 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Cc:** Bennie R. Shobe; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Carl B. Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; Jane Raybould  
**Subject:** Term limits for Mayor

Jon,  
My name is Jan Brockmann & I live at 5808 Locust Street – in your district. I am writing to urge you to oppose the term limit proposal for mayor that will come before the City Council Monday, August 27. I believe the voters in the City of Lincoln, if opposed to the current mayor – whether that is now or fifty years from now – can find a candidate to run for the office. Let the voters decide if & when they want to change. Again my request, as a registered voter, is for you to oppose the proposed term limits for the mayor of Lincoln.

Thank you for your time & consideration on this issue,  
Jan Brockmann

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** keven larsen <jcozzoc@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 12:48 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th street safety changes

I SUPPORT the proposed changes to 13th street. Please vote with the local citizens that live in the area.

Deb Cosgrove  
1900 C Street  
402-202-5797

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Tish Mockler <tishmockler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 5:19 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** South 13th St safety improvement project

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my support for the south 13th street safety improvement project. I drive 13th street from Van Dorn to "G" street every week day to go to work and back home. I can't tell you how many close calls I have had with pedestrians who dart out into the street at the last minute out of desperation to cross the street. The street lights on 13th street are few and far between; this makes it hard for pedestrians to safely cross the street. At the pedestrian cross walk on "F" street I have pedestrians step into the street and narrowly miss being plowed down by a car who fails to yield the right of way (for whatever reason). I witnessed this just a few weeks ago. And I've seen countless situations of pedestrians darting across the street into traffic along 13th from G street to A street, in particular. I often think that it's only a matter of time before someone gets hit.

As a pedestrian who takes walks on my lunch break I get very frustrated trying to cross 13th street myself because breaks in the car traffic are few and far between, regardless of car speed.

The proposed project seems like a prudent, life-saving project. The pedestrian walk way at F street definitely is not working. Something better needs to happen before someone gets hit by a car. We \*want\* to have pedestrians and people on the streets to keep the community alive and bustling but we need a safe way to cross the streets.

Thank you for listening.

Tish Fobben  
Registered voter in Lincoln, NE

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** dale@softley.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Bicycle lanes

Sir: It is my opinion the addition of all these bicycle lanes is nuts and needs to stop. I am not sure anyone is standing up to this mayor. Please, no more bike lanes.

Respectfully,  
Dale Softley  
Forensic Agronomist  
1420 Kingston Rd.  
Lincoln, Ne. 68506

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:29 PM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/26/2018 8:28:58 PM

**name** jim hershberger  
**address** 2420 South Canterbury Lane  
**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68512  
**email** pmiadvertising@gmail.com  
**comments** Please don't change 13th street. Why do we want to go back to a two-lane street? By the way, this is Lincoln, Nebraska and last time I checked we have snow and ice and rarely have I seen bicyclists riding downtown in the winter. Once again the Mayor's office is dictating to us what he and his committees think we need. Let's stand up and say NO!!!

Thank You

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## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Anderson, Blake <Blake.Anderson@molex.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 8:59 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street Improvement

I am a resident of Lincoln, and I SUPPORT the 13th St. “road diet” on Monday's City Council Agenda. I believe the City has an obligation to keep all users of our streets safe. In addition, traffic science shows the 3 lane design carries the same traffic volume with fewer crashes.

Thank you,  
Blake Anderson  
7830 S. 25th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68512

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**From:** Tim Borstelmann <tborstelmann@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 7:28 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Lane Reduction on 13th Street and Bicycle Safety

Dear Councilman Camp,

We have lived near 70<sup>th</sup> St. and Old Cheney Rd. for 15 years, and are residents of your city council district.

We are also avid cyclists. Our son also attends UNL and commutes by bicycle to work in the Haymarket District and to the University.

We have become concerned about bicycle safety in our community as reports of injuries and fatalities to cyclists by motorists increase.

We understand that successful business development has encouraged more pedestrian traffic in the downtown community. We support both continued business development, and the protection of pedestrian and bicycle traffic as good for our community economically and environmentally.

We understand that the City Council will be reviewing the proposal to reduce a stretch of 13<sup>th</sup> Street from four lanes to three.

We highly recommend that the City Council approve the original proposal.

Thank you for your leadership and continued service to our community.

Lynn and Tim Borstelmann  
6048 Cross Creek Rd.  
Lincoln, NE 68516  
402-327-8372

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Melissa Landis <meleeska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 7:29 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support 13th St Improvements

I urge you to support the proposed 13th Street Improvements for safer neighborhoods and transit options within the city of Lincoln.

Melissa Landis  
1861 Dakota St  
Lincoln, NE 68502

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** TJK <tjkinvestments@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** Mayor; Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th Street Safety Plan

Please accept our email as SUPPORT for the Safety Plan.

As a Lincoln company in the business of building and renting housing, we can tell you that the fact that Lincoln strives to make pedestrians and cyclists safer on and around our roads, is a big draw for tenants. Prospective tenants from other cities consider Lincoln, in large part, because of our wonderful trail system and walking neighborhood vibe.

We need more to attract the tech types!

Julie and Kris Sonderup  
402-309-9308

Sent from TJK Investments iPhone

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Sara Moshman <smoshman@metallogic1.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:21 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** SUPPORT the 13th street safety improvements

Dear City Council Members,  
Please SUPPORT the 13th street safety improvements. I OPPOSE the resolution to prevent them.

I live in the Near South Neighborhood and am on the Near South Neighborhood Assn. Board. Everything about the suggested improvements make very good sense and careful homework has been done. The opposition arguments – such as affecting traffic on game days – are not convincing.

Sara Moshman, President/CEO

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 9:24 AM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/27/2018 9:23:32 AM

**name** Doug Bauch  
**address** 1530 Bordeaux Road  
**city** Lincoln  
**state** NE  
**zip** 68522  
**email** djbxr2@yahoo.com

**comments** I read the detailed LJS article concerning the 13th St 'diet' plan. Interesting history on how this came about through the consultant. I travel that corridor as a driver and pedestrian 2-4 days per week and am opposed to reducing vehicle traffic lanes there. The financial, traffic and parking costs of adding bike lanes in downtown far outweigh the limited bike traffic I observe daily at peak commuting times - pre 8 a.m., noon, post 5 p.m. I am a recreational biker, have been to very bike friendly communities, but vehicles pay significant fees for marginal roadways here, bikes pay ZERO. If they need lanes, they can pay wheel tax, registration, etc. fees as well.

Second, I am in favor of the Mayoral term limit. We have term limits on the President, Legislature, Governor....why not on the Mayor? We've had some quality mayor's - Boosalis, Johanns, Harris - I don't recall any serving more than two terms, none over three terms.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Justin Swanson <Justin.L.Swanson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:02 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** In Support of South 13th St Safety Improvement Project

Dear Lincoln City Council and Mayor Beutler,

I am a resident of the Near South Neighborhood, and work near the city-county building. As a result, I drive on 13th st between south and downtown every week day. I am in favor of switching the 4 lane road to 3 lanes plus a bike lane because it will not increase congestion, but will decrease accidents. Seems like a no-brainer.

Justin Swanson  
1634 Harwood Street  
Lincoln, NE 68502

## Angela M. Birkett

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**From:** Jane Anderson <petunialoop@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 11:41 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** Support for Safe 13th Street Project

Dear Concerned Fellow Residents,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to 13th Street. We have lived in the Near South for about 12 years now and 13th Street is a route we have made a point of avoiding due to the safety concerns. I feel the way it is engineered right now encourages erratic driving, almost sport driving sometimes. This is especially sad and unfortunate due to the fact that there are many lower income, new immigrant, and disabled and elderly persons living in this neighborhood. There are more people in this neighborhood who use the bus, who walk, and also children and young people, and the proposed changes would make this large street safer for all of them as well as for those of us who would simply use it as a corridor to drive to and from downtown. The discussed improvements should not be made into a partisan issue. It is very beneficial to invest in our streets and neighborhoods this way, making use of current and up to date knowledge of traffic design and safety studies. Please do not let prejudice against lower income, disabled, and minority communities, and even against bicycle riders (!) keep you from proceeding to do the sensible, wise thing in this case, which is to stick to the plan and improve this street.

Thank you,

Jane Anderson

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Dennis Dohner <dedohner@windstream.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 11:32 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** South 13th St. improvement project

Dear City Council members:

I am in favor of the south 13th St. improvement project. I would appreciate your vote in favor of the project.

Thank you.

Dennis Dohner

2118 Euclid Ave

Lincoln, NE 68502

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Michael Bingeman <michael.bingeman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** Support 13th Street Improvements

Dear Mayor Buetler and Lincoln City Council,

Please continue with the plan to improve 13th Street by adding the bike lanes and shrinking the lanes for car traffic from four to three.

By my observation, bicyclists in Lincoln are more inclined to use the sidewalk as their main traveling ground than other cities I've lived. This is at least true in my neighborhood, The Near South. This is a dangerous habit for bicyclists to engage in because it can harm unsuspecting pedestrians. I have a two year old in my house who was nearly plowed over by a bicyclist on the sidewalk. My think that making city streets more inviting than sidewalks for our bicyclists will increase the number of bicyclists riding their bikes in the street where they belong, thus decreasing the likelihood of an incident like that happening again. The 13th Street project will do just that, even if it isn't on my block.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bingeman  
1319 S. 18th Street

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Lisa Radcliffe <lisaannradcliffe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 12:13 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** South 13th Street Improvement Project

I am writing today to voice my SUPPORT of the South 13th Street Improvement Project to convert the traffic lanes from the current four lanes to the proposed "2+1" three-lane for vehicles with added bike lanes. I feel this will improve safety along this street for vehicles as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Radcliffe

**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** susanklima@inebraska.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** 13th Street Safety Project

Dear City Council Members:

I have lived in the Near South neighborhood ever since moving to Lincoln in 1966. I believe the 3 + 1 traffic lanes planned for South 13th Street will reduce the potential hazards of driving in this neighborhood for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. I urge each of you to support these changes.

Susan Klima

2335 A Street

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Contact

### City Council - Contact

Date : 8/27/2018 1:23:14 PM

**name** Roger Doerr

**address** 1637 S 11th Street

**city** Lincoln

**state** NE

**zip** 68502

**email** rogerdoerr@gmail.com

**comments** I want to express my support for the proposed changes to 13th street. This has been studied and the addition of a designated turning lane will increase the flow of traffic and add to the overall safety of the street. The addition of bicycle lanes will be of great use to a large segment of the neighborhood who use bicycles for transportation.

Please vote with the facts and support the changes to improve safety on 13th street.

Thank you,

Roger Doerr

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**Angela M. Birkett**

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**From:** Mike Hootman <mike.hootman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** 13th St Safety Improvements Proposal

Council,

I for one SUPPORT the proposed street safety proposal!

Mike Hootman  
Near South Neighborhood Resident

Sent from my iPad